to the date of payment of compensation, just as raiyats are compelled to do if they fail to pay assessment. In a case in the Yedatore Taluk, lands were taken up in 1894, but compensation has not yet been settled.

Reply of Government.—This will be enquired into, and greater expedition enjoined on the local officers.

Subject No. 131.
Margin of channels.

Messrs. A. Shama Rao of North Mysore Native Planters' Association and C. Srinivasa Rao of Chikmagalur.

Summary of discussion.—The prohibition to cultivate an extent of 50 yards on both the sides of channels may be removed, as otherwise there will be little ground left for cultivation at all. The margin in question is the most suitable for cultivation of cardamom, which requires specially cool ground. Coffee jungles are on hill slopes. The manure etc., used above the slope, is washed down.

Reply of Government.—This is no new rule, but one which was provided for in the old Forest Rules. The matter was fully discussed some time ago, and the opinions of Col. Grant and Col. Walker were taken; and the prohibition was only enforced after due consideration. It is, however, noted for further consideration.

Subject No. 132.
Minimum area for coffee cultivation.

Messrs. A Shama Rao, C. Srinivasa Rao, C. Vasudeva Rao, Veerathegowda and M. Ramachendra Rao of Chikmagalur.

Summary of discussion.—The minimum extent of 15 acres prescribed for darkhasts for coffee cultivation may be reduced to five acres. Even the smallest raiyat in the malnad (including the holeya) has to live by cultivating the land; and if such a large minimum as 15 acres is insisted on, such people will have to become the slaves of the gowdas. The rule will work hard on poor people, as these cannot be expected to be able to take up 15 acres each.

Reply of Government.—The new rule has been framed after full consideration and discussion. But the representation is noted for future consideration.

Subject No. 133.
Government unassessed kharab land or assessed dry lands in maidan districts.

Mr. Lingegowda of Mysore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In the maidan districts Government unassessed kharab lands or assessed dry lands of an inferior quality for which darkhasts are received should, where the extent applied for is not less than 50 acres, be given out at half the prevailing dry rates in the respective villages.

Reply of Government.—The rules relating to the grant of lands on cowl tenure cover all such cases. There is no necessity for passing any new rules. Requirements in individual cases may be specially represented to Deputy Commissioners.

Subject No. 134.
Kharab lands in tank beds.

Messrs. Lingegowda and Amble Annaiya Pandit of Mysore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Kharab lands comprised in the tank beds and not liable to submersion may be granted to applicants for hulgaval at the dry rates prevailing in the village concerned. Such lands are not suited for cultivation.